

In the specification:

Page 1, lines 4-6 amend as follows:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO A RELATED APPLICATION

The invention described and claimed hereinbelow is also described in German Patent Application DE 103 42 154.8 filed on September 12, 2003. This German Patent Application, provides the basis for a claim of priority of invention under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d).

~~Prior Art~~ BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The invention is based on a base plate for a power tool ~~with the species-defining characteristics of claim 1.~~

Page 2, line 6, amend as follows:

~~Advantages of the Invention~~ SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Accordingly, it is an object of the present invention to provide a base plate for a power tool which eliminates the disadvantages of the prior art.

In keeping with these objects and with others which will become apparent hereinafter, one feature of the present invention resides, briefly stated, a base plate (1) for a power tool (13), in particular for hand-guided circular saws, sabre saws, wall chasers, and routers, comprised of a metal sheet, having reinforcing elements that protrude out from a plane of the metal sheet, at least one of said plurality of reinforcing elements is embodied in the form of a lateral stop surface (12), and having attaching elements (14) that protrude out from the plane of the metal sheet and are provided for fastening the base plate (1) to a miter angle (23), wherein the metal sheet is configured as a stamped and bent metal sheet composed of a light metal alloy and the entire base plate (1) is embodied in one piece.

Page 2, in lines 9-15, amend the paragraph as follows:

A base plate for a power tool according to the present invention ~~with the characteristics of claim 1~~ has the advantage over the prior art that using of a sheet of light metal and a one-piece design of the base plate can result in an advantageous manufacture; the base plate has only a low weight with a high

degree of rigidity, can be bent back again when warped, and also does not break under impact. According to the present invention, a base plate of this kind is manufactured using a stamping and bending method.

Page 3, line 21, amend as follows:

~~Drawing~~

Page 3, between lines 25 and 26, insert the heading:

*BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS*

Page 4, between lines 2-4, insert the heading:

*DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS*

Page 4, amend the paragraph in lines 21-28 as follows:

The base plate 1 is manufactured in one piece out of a sheet of light metal by means of a stamping and bending process. By contrast with a stamping process, this produces a three-dimensional form of the base plate 1. The base plate 1 depicted is comprised of an aluminum alloy or a magnesium

alloy with a material thickness 15 of 3 mm. A base plate 1 of this kind has a flexural rigidity comparable to that of a steel plate 2 mm thick. However, due to the significantly lower density of the aluminum alloy in comparison to that of steel, the weight has been cut roughly in half despite the increase in material thickness.

Page 5, amend the paragraph in lines 26-31 as follows:

In order to be able to fasten the parallel cutting guide 5 to the base plate 1 in various positions, a threaded dome 9 is provided, which accommodates a wing nut (not shown) and securely clamps the parallel cutting guide in its position. In order to achieve a clean, parallel guidance of the parallel cutting guide 5, a number of projections 8 are provided on the base plate 1. Both the projections 8 and the threaded dome 9 here are embodied integral to the base plate 1. The base plate 1 also has a guide channel 10.